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TAGS: OVIP (FLAM, ELI)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF INFORMATION OFFICER

REF: A. MOSCOW 5747 (NOTAL)

B. STATE 079278 (NOTAL)

C. USBERLIN 739 (NOTAL)

1. TRANSIENT QUARTERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED AND FLAM WILL
BE MET UPON ARRIVAL. WILL BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE REQUESTED BRIEFINGS
AND LOOK FORWARD TO MOSCOW UPDATE BY FLAM.

2. RE FLAMS' ONWARD TRAVEL FROM WEST BERLIN TO MUNICH, MISSION
WOULD NORMALLY RECOMMEND ALLIED CARRIER FLIGHT DEPARTING
FROM EITHER TEMPELHOF OR TEGEL AIRPORTS. BASIS FOR AIR TRAVEL
RECOMMENDATION IS CARDINAL PRINCIPLE INCORPORATED IN US TRAVEL
POLICY FOR GDR (STATE 112231) NAMELY THAT US PERSONNEL TRAVELLING
BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND FRG MUST UTILIZE ONLY ALLIED ACCESS ROUTES,
AND SHOULD NOT ACCEPT GDR CONTROLS ON THESE ROUTES. WHILE
ADMITTEDLY THIS PROCEDURE IS APPLICABLE PRIMARILY TO US
PERSONNEL ASSIGNED IN WEST BERLIN AND IN THE FRG, MISSION HAS BEEN
UNDER IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS MEANT TO APPLY AS WELL TO US PERSONNEL
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PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTY TRAVEL TO AND FROM WEST BERLIN EVEN THOUGH

THEIR ARRIVAL IN THE CITY MAY HAVE BEEN VIA TRAIN TO EAST BERLIN
OR BY AIR TO SCHOENEFELD.

3. SINCE APPROVED TRAVEL POLICY DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS USE OF
COMMERCIAL TRAIN FROM EITHER SECTOR OF BERLIN TO FRG BY US PERSONNEL
UNASSOCIATED WITH FORCES, MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION
FROM DEPARTMENT ON THIS POINT SO FLAM MIGHT PROCEED WITH HIS TRIP
PLANS.

4. REF B NOT RECEIVED HERE, BUT WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT OF USIA IN
THAT MESSAGE HAS APPROVED FLAM'S PROPOSED TDY TRAVEL BY COMMERCIAL
TRAIN FROM EAST/WEST BERLIN TO MUNICH, WHICH AS NOTED ABOVE, WOULD BE
DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL PRACTICE. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. IF DEPARTMENT SHOULD APPROVE FLAM'S REQUEST FOR ONWARD TRAVEL TO
FRG BY TRAIN, THEN HE AND FAMILY SHOULD OBTAIN GDR VISAS IN MOSCOW
PROVIDING FOR STOP-OVER IN EAST BERLIN, SINCE TWO-DAY INTERRUPTION
WOULD PROBABLY VOID TRANSIT VISAS, AND THERE WOULD BE BETTER
OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SURE VISA DOES NOT CONTAIN SUCH UNACCEPTABLE
LANGUAGE AS "HAUPTSTADT DER DDR."

6. REGRET ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY CAUSE FLAMS, BUT GDR AUTHORITIES
ARE PRONE TO SEIZE ON OPPORTUNITIES TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR INTER-
PRETATION OF STATUS OF BERLIN AND WE CANNOT COUNT UPON THEIR GOOD WILL

IN SITUATIONS SUCH AS THIS.

7. MOSCOW: ADVISE AGES OF FLAM CHILDREN. SELIGMANN

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